

Dr. Zephaniah Jisalo, a square peg in a square hole... *Hon. Emmanuel Baushe*



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approved policies and projects by other MDAs and report effectively back to the President. Hon. Emmanuel Baushe said that the indigenes of FCT have absolute confidence in the ability and competence of Hon Jisalo to deliver in his new position. He described Dr. Jisalo as a strong political icon and a dogged fighter who believed that politics is not a do or die affairs but rather a game of drama where everyone is expected to do his best for the cause of humanity.

Dr. Hon. Zaphaniah Jisalo, the first Abuja indigene to be nominated for a ministerial position, is also a former member of House of Representatives. The 53-year-old began his education at Garki Primary School, Abuja and graduated with a First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC). He proceeded to the Government Secondary School, Karu, Abuja where he obtained a General Certificate of Examination (GCE) and West African Senior Certificate (WASC). He had his tertiary education at the University of Jos, Plateau State and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Education. Jisalo obtained an Advanced Diploma in Applied Psychology and Diploma in Criminal Justice and Administration at the University of Jos, Plateau State.

A frontline political stalwart in the Federal Capital Territory Abuja, Hon. Baushe Emmanuel Ismaila has commended President Bola Tinubu for appointing Hon Zaphania Jisalo, as the Honourable Minister of Special Duties and Inter Governmental Affairs, while noting that the new Minister will deploy his experience and knowledge in applied psychology and Administration to promote harmonious relationship among the three tiers of Government and International community. Speaking recently to our correspondent in Abuja, Mr. Emmanuel Baushe who is an indigene of the FCT and Chairman of FCT Progressive Youth Vanguard said that the appointment is historic as it is the first time an indigene of the FCT was appointed to a cabinet position since the beginning of the democratic journey in Nigeria. According to him, Mr. President made the right choice because Hon. Dr. Zaphaniah Bitrus Jisalo is one of the most experienced politicians in the capital city who has through his leadership as a grassroots mobiliser, a two term AMAC Chairman and Member representing Abuja Municipal/ Bwari Constituency impacted tremendously in the lives of the indigenes of the Federal Capital Territory. 'During his tenure as Chairman he initiated several grassroots development projects in all the 62 Wards of the territory and these has impacted and still impacting the lives of citizens of the Federal Capital City.' He said that the entire indigenes and residents of the City are very excited and elated with the President choice because with Hon. Jisalo s vast experience in FCT Management will adequately monitor and evaluate the implementation of Federal Executive Council

He further attended the Institute of Mass Communication and Technology, where he earned a Diploma in Public Relations. At the Thames Valley University in London, UK, he studied Government Policies, Planning and Implementation. Jisalo worked with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) from 1990 to 2002.

He was elected Chairman Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) in 2004. He was re-elected in 2007. He served in that capacity in 2010. In 2011, Hon Jisalo was elected into the Federal House of Representatives to represent Abuja Municipal/Bwari Constituency. During this period, he served in the following House Committees; Sports, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Defense, Customs & Excise, Appropriations, and National Security & Security.

According to the politician Hon. Jisalo Zaphania is passionate about the development of the FCT even since he was in AMAC, and has demonstrated his multiple competencies, great planning knowledge, and have the leadership capital and have the capacity and competence to deliver in his new Ministerial assignment. Hon. Baushe on behalf of the FCT Progressive Youth Vanguard also congratulated the new Minister for being the first indigenous and detribalized Gbagyi man to ascend to the office of a Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.



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